



**ATTENTION: BOX AFTER FINAL  
RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2812**

**PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. TI-31016

Application No.: 10/020,111

Customer No.: 23494

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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WASSHUBER et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2812
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Application No.: 10/020,111	)	Examiner: Richard A. Booth
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Filed: December 14, 2001	)	
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS	)	
FOR INDUCING STRESS IN A	)	
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated March 17, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a Petition For Extension Of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.